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1. One troop train each was dispatched from Wuensdorf to Altengrabow, Cottbus, and Hoetensleben, west of Magdeburg, between 17 and 20 September. One troop train was sent from Trebbin to Altengrabow on 18 September and two from Berlin-Schoeneweide to Neuhausen near Cottbus on 19 September. 25X1
2. Four troop trains with a total of 35 converted boxcars, 16 boxcars, and 200 flatcars were dispatched from Altenburg-Klausa on 18 September. On 18 and 19 September, four trains consisting of 33 converted boxcars, four boxcars, and 200 flatcars were dispatched from Dessau.¹
3. Requests for additional rolling stock by RBD Halle were refused by the Ministry for Railroads because of the increase in entrainments which are scheduled to take place in other railroad districts after 18 September. 25X1
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 intensive loading operations are scheduled to take place in RBD Schwerin on 20 and 21 September. RBD Cottbus was ordered to dispatch empty flatcars to Ohrdruf.¹
4. By order of the Ministry for Railroads, all available flatcars were to be assembled in RBD Berlin after 20 September. The specific assembly points mentioned are Frankfurt/Oder, Fuerstenwalde, Kuestrin-Kietz, Bernau, Brandenburg, Wildpark, Potsdam, and Rathenow.¹
5. On 19 September, the Ministry for Railroads ordered RBD Halle to convert transit-worthy boxcars into troop cars. One hundred boxcars were to be assembled at the Berlin-East railroad station after 20 September and converted into troop cars.²

Comments:

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1. The Soviet fall maneuvers started on about 20 September. GSFG and army signal units from Wuensdorf and Trebbin have been moved to the area of Cottbus and Altengrabow.
2. This is the first credible indication of impending personnel rotation which is to begin after the completion of the fall maneuvers.

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